

Georgia State Board of Funeral Service Minutes
June 12, 2007

A meeting of The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service was held on June 12, 2007 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. Draper Watson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Draper Watson, Chairman, David Roach, Thelon Hamby, Linda Ware, Nancy Kennedy, and Terri Daviston.

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, JoAnn Lyde, Application Specialist, Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General, John Massey, Inspector, Howard Fields, Inspector, Maria Stephenson, Investigative Assistant, and Laurie Elander, Board Secretary.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Daviston moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board approved the minutes of the May 8, 2007 meeting.

Update on legislation: David Roach presented information to the Board regarding House Bill 90. House Bill 90 was amended to include the Board's proposed bill to allow licensure by endorsement. The Governor signed the bill to become effective July 1, 2008.

Executive Session:

Mr. Hamby moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by OCGA §§ 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Ms. Ware, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Daviston, and Mr. Watson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mrs. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to refer FUN070084 to Attorney General's office for a consent order and fine on the funeral director license of the Respondent.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mrs. Kennedy seconded, and the Board approved the application for funeral establishment license for Sewell Mortuary of Grantville, GA.

Bentley & Sons Funeral Home was unable to attend.

FEST001290: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve David Brent Jones as FDFCC of Poteet Funeral Home of Augusta, GA..

FEST001374: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board approved Paul Steven Smith as FDFCC of Edo Miller Funeral Home/Camden Chapel of Kingsland, GA.

FEST000070: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board approved Robert Edwin Harold Wagon as FDFCC of Callaway Funeral Home of Union Point, GA.

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Lord & Stephens Oglethorpe Chapel was unable to attend the meeting.

FEST001401: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board approved application for change of name from Fairhaven Funeral Home to Johnson Funeral Home of Swainsboro, GA. Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board approved Glenda Joyce Stewart as FDFCC of Johnson Funeral Home of Swainsboro, GA.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Roach seconded, and the Board approved the application for funeral establishment license for Willie A. Watkins Funeral Home, Inc. of Douglasville, GA.

Dwayne Johnson and Eugene Johnson of Southeast Deathcare & Cremation Services appeared without an appointment to discuss the application for the funeral establishment. Mr. Daviston moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board approved the application for funeral establishment license for Southeast Deathcare & Cremation Services of Rincon, GA.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mrs. Kennedy seconded, and the Board Voted to approve the change of name of the following funeral establishments:

FEST001408: Southern Heritage Funeral Home
New name: Taylor Funeral Home
Louisville, GA

FEST001231: Chandler's Funeral Home
New name: Chandler's Funeral Home, Inc.
Attapulgus, GA

FEST001083: Choice Funeral Services, Inc.
New name: Willis Funeral Services, Inc.
Forsyth, GA

FEST001419: Terry's Funeral Home
New name: Fields and Terry Funeral Home, Inc.
Sylvester, GA

Mr. Watson excused himself from the meeting after the appointments were completed, and Mr. Roach continued the meeting as presiding officer. A quorum was established to continue the meeting.

Applications:

Mr. Hamby moved, Mrs. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the licenses issued since the April 10, 2007 meeting for funeral directors, embalmers, and apprentices. Applications issued and ratified by the Board were:

License Number	Name	License Type
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EMB004518	Crystal Bryan Vinson	Embalmer
EMB004519	Ezra Charles Worthy	Embalmer
EMB004520	David Henry Evans	Embalmer
EMB004521	Leslianne Hammond	Embalmer
EMB004522	Lucinda Grizzle Degenhard	Embalmer
FD004929	Crystal Bryan Vinson	Funeral Director
FD004930	Ezra Charles Worthy	Funeral Director
FD004931	David Henry Evans	Funeral Director
FD004932	Leslianne Hammond	Funeral Director
FD004933	Lucinda Grizzle Degenhard	Funeral Director
FSA004764	Marisa Troy Kirkland	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004765	William Connie Brown	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004766	Wendy Marie Dolan	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004767	David Lee White	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004768	Vic Elic Peacock	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004769	Crystal Albert White	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004770	Edwin Keith Willard	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004771	Lisa Ruth High	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004772	Stephvone Marke Chandler	Funeral Service Apprentice
FSA004773	John Everett Culp, Jr.	Funeral Service Apprentice

Mr. Daviston moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board approved the application of funeral establishment license for Roscoe Jenkins Funeral Home.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board approved the application for funeral director and embalmer's license by reciprocity from South Carolina for Robert Zackery Bailey.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board denied the application for apprentice license for Fite Howell Casey, IV.

Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board approved appeal for Gregory Keith Herl, II; pending receipt of requested correspondence.

Lisa High will be rescheduled at a later date.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board approved the application for funeral director and embalmer's license by reciprocity from South Carolina for Benjamin T. Hood.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board denied the application of apprentice license for Nathan Payne.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board approved the reinstatement of apprentice license for Marvin Thomas Powers.

Attorney General Report:

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to accept Final Decision order for Powell Funeral Home/Candy Powell.

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Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to accept a Consent Order for Williams & Williams Funeral Home.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to accept a Voluntary Surrender order for funeral director and embalmer's license of Algin Merritt.

Inspection report:

FUN070065: Ms. Kennedy moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to close the case with no action.

FUN070066: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to close the case with no action.

Complaints:

FUN060128: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to close the case.

FUN070063: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to close the case.

FUN070021: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to forward complaint to State Coroner's Association for investigation.

FUN070068: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to refer to inspections.

FUN070080: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to refer to investigations.

FUN070082: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to refer to Attorney General's office for further review.

FUN070083: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to refer to investigations.

FUN060100: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to refer to inspections.

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to close the following cases with no action:

FUN030032	3010000064
FUN030033	3010990035
FUN030054	30-01-20007
FUN030076	30-01-20016
FUN040037	30-01-20017
FUN040064	30-01-20019
FUN050027	30-01-20024
FUN050028	30-02-10009
FUN050044	FUN0120014
FUN050046	FUN0120018
FUN050052	
FUN050056	

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Continuing Education:

Mr. Daviston moved, Mr. Hamby seconded, and the Board voted as follows on the following continuing education courses presented:

Program Provider/Sponsor	Course Title	HRS Requested	Board Vote
Funeral CE	Effective & Ethical Communication with Seniors	6	Denied
Funeral CE	Makinuzing Integrity in Decisions with senoirs	6	Denied
Funeral Review. Com, LLC	What Matters Most	6	Denied
National Funeral Directors Association	Certified Preplanning Consultant (CPC) program	16	Approved
National Funeral Directors Association	NFDA Home Study Series	4	Approved
Continental Computer	The Director's Assistant .Net Training	8	Denied
Funeral Review. Com, LLC	Communicable Disease	2	Approved
National Funeral Directors Association	NFDA Family Business Conference	11	Denied
National Funeral Directors Association	NFDA Leadership Conference	7	Approved

Other Business:

Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to approve granting 6 hours of Continuing Education credit to the following licensees for their participation with the Examination Development & Testing Unit during a workshop related to the Georgia Laws & Rules Exam.

Licensed Funeral Directors/Embalmers Workshop Participants:

Ricky Bennett	Phillip Breedlove
Walter Crox	Sandford Carter, Jr.
Sherri Roberts	Susan Brooks
Carlton Raigne	Ken Smith
Roy McNeal	Mark Jones
Richard Jenkins	Scott Galyon
Duane D. Johnson	Lanier Swafford
Nathan Gilbert	Zubedah Rivers
Ron Jenkins	Artvetta Y. Jones

FEST001572: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Ware seconded, and the Board voted to approve 2nd 90-day grace period for Crosby Funeral Home, Inc. of Alma, GA.

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FEST000281: The Board reviewed written notice of change of ownership for Peebles-Curry-Durden Mortuary of Swainsboro, GA.

FEST0000462: Mr. Hamby moved, Mr. Daviston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Order Accepting Fine Money for Williford's Funeral Home of Cairo, GA..

FEST000969: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Order Accepting Fine Money for Mason's Funeral Home of Commerce, GA.

FEST000445: Mr. Hamby moved, Ms. Kennedy seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Order Accepting Fine Money for McKinney-Neal Mortuary Inc. of Elberton, GA .

FEST000632: The Board reviewed notice of closure for Simmons Funeral Home as of May 2, 2007.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the July 10, 2007 meeting.